

Lake Sawyer IAVMP: Letter of Community Support

We sign this letter as members of the Lake Sawyer Community to express our support for the Lake Sawyer Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan.

In particular, we agree:

- That Eurasian Watermilfoil and Fragrant Waterlily present a significant threat to the natural beauty, ecological integrity, and safe recreational activities on Lake Sawyer.
- That Japanese Knotweed, Narrow Leaf Cattail and Yellow Flag Iris are also present, though a less significant threat.
- That controlling these noxious weeds is an immediate priority and their subsequent monitoring and control should be a continuing priority in the future.
- We understand that weed control work will need to be an ongoing effort that is continued after the grant funded portions are complete thru community-based funding and/or volunteer time to maintain a noxious weed-free lake for the future.
- We understand that following weed control activities, native aquatic plants may move into the areas where the weeds previously existed.
- That any plan should balance the need for chemical herbicides against environmental safety and the effectiveness of non-chemical alternatives.
- That the proposed treatment strategy outlined below is reasonable but may be altered by Department of Ecology experts to achieve the greatest likelihood of success.

Recommended treatment strategy in summary (over a six-year period)

Control of Eurasian Watermilfoil and Fragrant Waterlily using a Department of Ecology approved methods, which may include chemical herbicides.